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KERSEY PROPOSES TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL VIGO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

INDIANAPOLIS -- State Rep. Clyde Kersey (D - Terre Haute) has submitted House Bill 1046 to the Indiana General Assembly, which proposes adding an additional Superior Court to Vigo County.

"The additional court is necessary in Vigo County, with the civil courts being backed up 4 to 5 years and the criminal courts backed up 6 to 8 months," said Kersey. "Along with that backlog, there have been increases in criminal actions involving the use and production of methamphetamine. An additional court should help to decrease the backlog and help the courts keep up with the increasing number of criminal cases."

Kersey presented a similar proposal to the Indiana General Assembly two years ago. While it was passed by both the House and the Senate, it failed to become law because the \$137,000 in funding to establish the additional judgeship was not available at the time.

Currently there are four Vigo County Superior Courts and one Vigo County Circuit Court. House Bill 1046 will increase this to five Vigo County Superior Courts, with the first judge being appointed by the governor to a one year term, and subsequent judges being elected to the judgeship for six year terms.

This bill has been referred to the Committee on Courts and Criminal Code.

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